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- ☒ X 6 sheet(s) of Formal drawings
- ☒ X An assignment of the invention
- ☒ X Certified copy of Priority Document(s)
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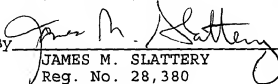
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